

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Day of Prayer for colleges has been changed from the last Thursday of February to the last Tuesday of January.

Mr. W. W. Corcoran of Washington has given \$7,000 toward the building of the new Episcopal Ascension Church of that city.

The English revisers of the Old Testament completed their 27th session Dec. 18. The revision of the books of Samuel was completed, and the company took up Isaiah, reaching verse 29 of chapter 1.

Father Hyacinthe is now holding Sunday services in the hall of St. Peter's Casino, Geneva. Over 200 persons were present at the opening, Dec. 6. For the last 3 months he has preached in his own house.

Mr. David Binning has been appointed Vice-Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, to perform the duties of the Provost, Dr. Hawkins, the distinguished controversialist, who has retired from active work.

Since the departure of Messrs. Moody and Sankey from Dublin, the interest in the revival has shown little abatement. Nightly services have been held in most of the churches, and public meetings for young men.

The new church at Denbigh, England, which was refused consecration on account of a panel in the reredos containing a representation of the crucifixion, will remain closed until the appeal in the Exeter review case has been decided.

An address signed by 450 ministers and laymen of the Church of England has been presented to Dr. Döllinger, thanking him for having called the Bonn Conference, and expressing admiration for the manner in which he conducted it. A similar address has been presented by the Anglo-Continental Society.

The London Times reports that since the Civil Marriage law went into force in Germany, in October, less than one-fourth of the Protestant men and women married in Berlin have had a religious ceremony performed. The new law makes the civil marriage a necessity, and places it before the church service.

The committee appointed to carry out the objects of the Bonn Conference, and to arrange for a second meeting consists, according to The London Guardian, of Dr. Döllinger for Germany, Archivist Janschek or Col. Kurfürst von Hessen, Prof. Blaas for Greece, Preliminary Meyrick for England, and Dr. Nevin for America.

The missionary party sent by the Church of England to Madagascar reached that island Oct. 4. The party consists of a bishop, Dr. Keast Cornish, and 10 assistants. Up to Oct. 18 Dr. Cornish had visited the native churches at Mahavava and Ivohoromana and had taken steps toward the building of a new church at Tsimbazao.

The controversy which has arisen between the Presbytery of Louisville—South and Dr. Samuel R. Wilson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that city, remains unsettled. Dr. Wilson has renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, and the Presbytery has been upon the first Tuesday in March for the consideration of the case.

The Septuagint prizes annually given at Cambridge, England, for the encouragement of the study of the Septuagint version of the Old Testament, and such Greek literature as may serve to illustrate the New Testament, have been recently awarded to R. P. Lonsdale, B. A., of Clare College, and C. P. Hutchison, B. A., of Corpus College.

The death is announced of the senior Bishop of the Irish Episcopal Church, the Right Rev. James Thomas O'Brien. Dr. O'Brien was born in Ireland in 1792, was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and appointed bishop in 1842. This is the third bishopric made vacant by death since the disestablishment of the Irish Church; the two others were Cashel and Kilkenny.

The Basilic Missionary Society has been engaged in mission work on the Gold Coast of Africa for over 30 years. The Church Missionary Society of England has decided not to attempt any separate Ashante missions, but to pass over the money received for such object to the Basilic Society. The latter has 2,500 native Christians at the various stations on the Gold Coast, of which number 1,100 are communicants. In its schools are 1,600 native children.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the London Hospital Sunday Fund, which was held Dec. 15, the gross receipts of the year were stated to be £26,078, which sum is £2,000 greater than the collection of the preceding year. Of this amount £29,367 had been given to 24 general and special hospitals and eight institutions, and £2,490 to 45 dispensaries. A committee was appointed to prepare a file for the granting of the funds. June 13 was appointed as the "Hospital Sunday" for this year.

A ministerial conference on intemperance was held in Liverpool, England, Dec. 11. It was stated that 23,000 cases of drunkenness had been tried in Liverpool during the year. A memorial to the county magistrates was adopted urging the Master to call a conference on intemperance. As at the preceding Manchester Conference, Sanday, April 25, was appointed for the preaching of sermons on the subject, and Friday, April 26, as day of humiliation and prayer.

The Swiss Government is proceeding very seriously in the administration of the new ecclesiastical law. A test case concerning a parish priest having been brought before the State Council, it refused to express an opinion until a curia, qualified under the new law to take the place of the present Ultramontane incumbeats, had been brought forward for election. Arrangements have been made to enable new curias to hold special sessions during the exhibition from the parochial churches of the Ultramontane priests, who still take their orders from St. Merrin.

The Free Religious Association of Boston has announced its seventh course of Sunday afternoon lectures, to be held in Horticultural Hall. Among the speakers are Wendell Phillips, William J. Potter, John Weiss, and F. E. Abbott. The course will conclude March 21. The Congregationalists of Boston have arranged a course of sermons on the Gospel, to be delivered in the First Church, Boston, by Dr. George M. Caryll Williams, his secretary, Dr. S. D. Thompson, Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. William A. Root took part in this conference.

The latest ecclesiastical news from Germany is as follows: Nearly all the members of the Chapter of Posen are in prison or have been banished, but the Government still fails to discover the Papal delegate who directs the Church, and Count Adolph von Arnsberg has been nominated Chief President of Silesia in place of Herr von Niedenbreyt removed. Under the late Governor there was no prosecution of the Polish Catholic clergy in Silesia. The Bishop of Trzebow was to be released from prison Jan. 15 as the State's claim due him on that day would equal the amount of his fine.

It is reported that the British Government has, in consequence of the representations of Bishop Colenso, ordered the release of the Kaffir chief Langalibalele, who has been sentenced to imprisonment for life by the Natal authorities for his insurrection in 1872. One of the chief objects of Dr. Colenso's voyage to England was to procure Langalibalele's restoration. The Aborigines Protection Society, Dr. A. G. Frazer, Bishop of Worcester, recently delivered an address on the Indian Slavey who was sold forthwith to a tribe in the Rev. J. G. Rogers, President of the Congregational Union of England.

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The work of the Liberation Society in England is still carried on with great energy. Two conferences were recently held at Newcastle-on-Tyne and at Sunderland. Sir Henry Haweck, M. P., spoke at both. At Sunderland he accounted for his sudden change of opinion by saying that the Church Congress at Brighton, which he had attended, had convinced him of the impossibility of church reform except through disestablishment. Mr. Gordon, the lecturer of the Society, is speaking in many of the cities of England. Dr. Fraser, Bishop of Worcester, recently delivered an address on the Indian Slavey who was sold forthwith to a tribe in the Rev. J. G. Rogers, President of the Congregational Union of England.

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The commission appointed to inquire into the complaints of Mr. Jenkins, member of the Church of England, against Mr. Cook, for refusing him the communion, decided that there were grounds for further proceedings. Mr. Cook had based his refusal upon the 25th Canon of the Church, which forbids the

administration of the sacrament to depravers of the Book of Common Prayer. The objection was raised and admitted that the canons do not bind the laity. Mr. Jenkins's offence had been the publication of selections from the Bible for the use of his family, the rejected portions being, in his opinion, incompatible with religion or morality. The sitting of the commission, the latter has been settled by the withdrawal of the letter containing this expression.

A singular religious community in England has lately attracted attention there. About two years ago an Englishwoman named Mrs. Girling settled near Lympington and drew around her a colony of about 150 persons. In singing, dancing, and abstaining from marriage their faith resembled that of the Shakers, by which name they were commonly called. Mother Girling had visions, and declared that she and her followers would never die. Through neglect of work the community fell into debt, and after a number of kindly notices, the county sheriff seized the entire property. Dec. 15. For a day and night they remained in the house during a frightful storm, singing and praying. They were moved to the Land moved them, although often shot at. Since then a large number have taken shelter in a barn, and the authorities are endeavoring to disperse the whole band.

The Paris correspondent of The London Guardian, in his letter which appeared Dec. 16, made an assertion which, from the weight of that paper, has attracted general attention in England. He writes: "I am told by persons on the Continent, in correspondence with Lord Camoys and other Roman Catholics of the same views and party in England, that the present crisis has long been foreseen by the latter, who were fully prepared for the rupture, which they felt to be inevitable, between themselves and their spiritual guides. They knew that a crisis was impending which must lead to an explosion sooner or later, and would have done so, whether Mr. Gladstone's pamphlet had been written and his appeal made or not; and I am assured, on the same authority, that there is no intention on their part of yielding anything in the opinion they have expressed, of the position they have assumed."

The Turkish Government has sent Dr. Arif Bey, Vice-President of the General Board of Health for the Empire, to Mecca, to make preparations against an outbreak of cholera among the pilgrims who will shortly congregate there. The reason of this precaution is the report of the ravages of cholera in the Dutch possessions in the Indian Archipelago, from which settlements large numbers of pilgrims are expected. The cholera of 1868, which spread through Europe and America, was the Turkish authorities believe, brought by pilgrims from the Indian Ocean. The plague, after an absence of 50 years, has broken out near Mecca. Dr. Charles Millican of Constantinople has been sent to the infected locality. The plague is now believed to be a malignant form of typhus fever. This theory is confirmed by the investigations of the medical officers of the British Legation in Tunis, where it has also appeared.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

The Portfolio., Edited by Philip Gilbert Hamer. 14 vols. 1822. (London: Seeley & Co.)

The Poetical Works of John Milton., Edited by David Masson. 2 vols. 12mo. (Macmillan) \$5.00

Fortune's Lures., By Agnes Macdonell. 12mo. pp. 364. (The Same.)

The Tempest., (Shakespeare's Select Plays) Edited by William Aldis Wright. M. A. pp. 105. (The Same.)

Tales in Political Economy., By Milliken Garrison. 12mo. pp. 104. (The Same.)

The Elements of the Psychology of Cognition., By Robert Jardine. 12mo. pp. 257. (The Same.)

The Extant Odes of Pindar., Translated into English, by Edward Myers. M. A. 12mo. pp. 177. (The Same.)

Social Life in Greece from Homer to Metaphysics., By the Rev. J. P. Mahaffy. 12mo. pp. 390. (The Same.)

Christ and Other Masters., By Charles Hardwick. M. A. 12mo. pp. 592. Edited by Francis Proctor. 12mo. pp. 592. (The Same.)

Bookkeeping Simplified., By D. B. Wagner. 12mo. pp. 150. (Philo-Japha: D. B. Wagner & Co.)

Starting Out: A Story of the Ohio Hills., By Alexander Cleve. 12mo. pp. 212. (The Same.)

The Treatment of Nervous Diseases., By James D. Dandy. L. D. Second Ed. 12mo. pp. 358. (The Same.)

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